Media Guide 2011

Records and Court-Related Requests















Clerk's Office – Maricopa County



Clerk of the Superior Court for Maricopa County, Arizona Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk

Superior Court

Makes Judicial Rulings



Clerk of Superior Court

Maintains Official Court Records



Maricopa County Superior Court

The Arizona State Constitution defines the court and the clerk as two separate agencies.



Clerk of the Superior Court



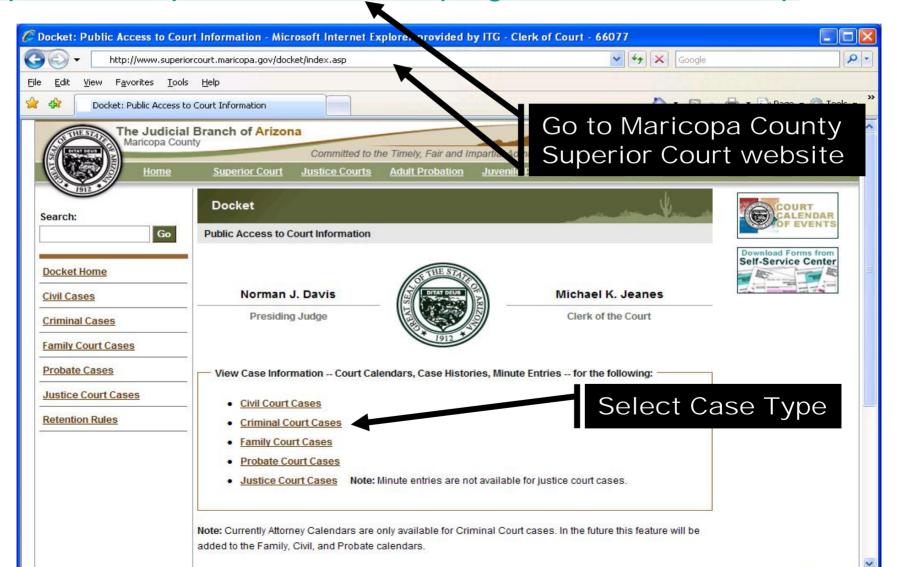
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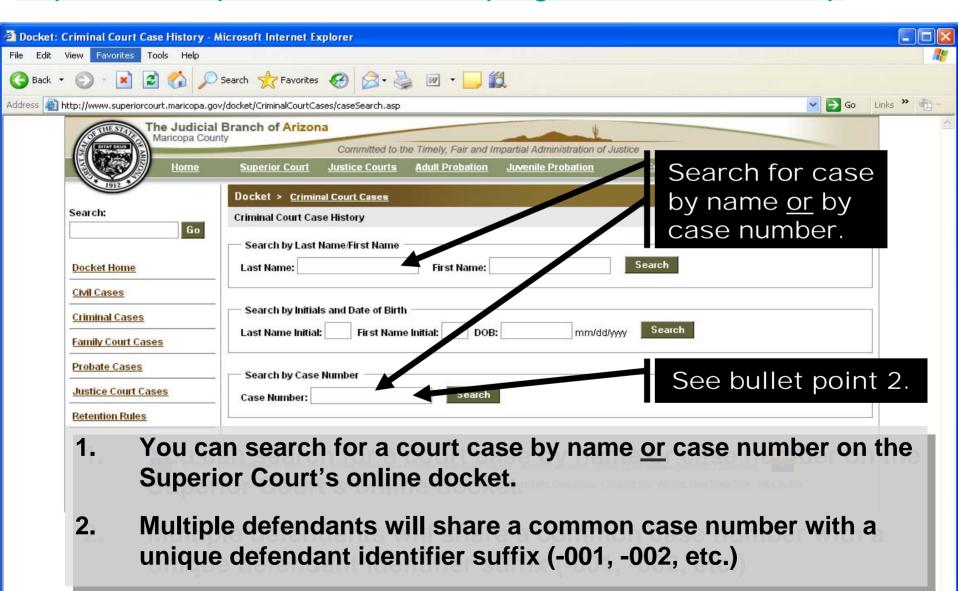
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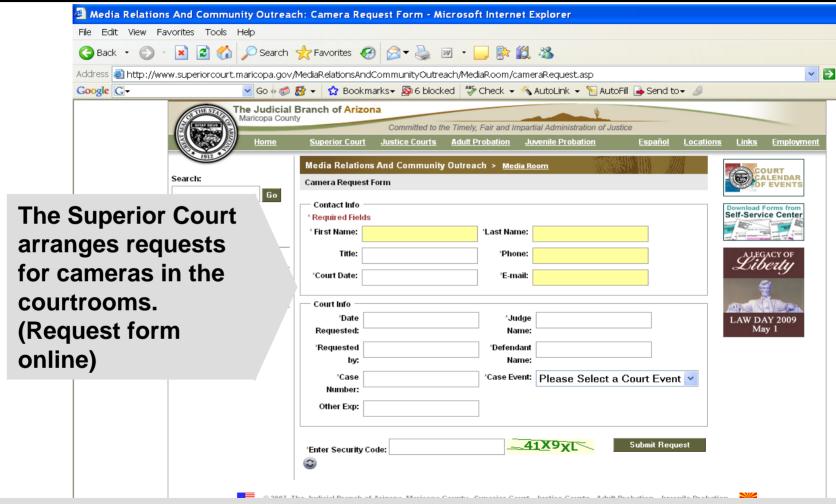


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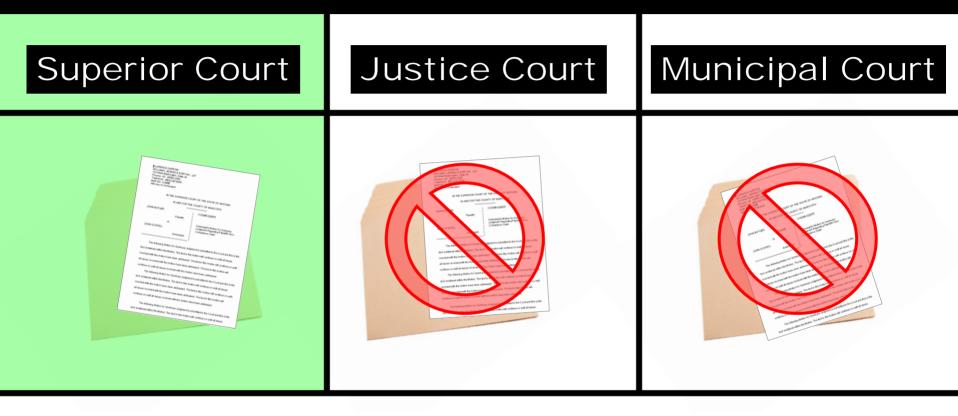
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Court Records

Clerk of Superior Court vs. Justice Courts & Muni Courts

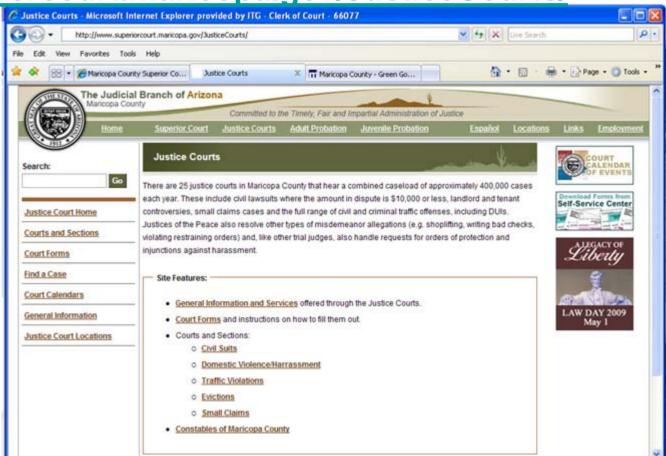


- → Clerk of Court maintains Superior Court records in Maricopa County
- → Does not maintain records for Justice or Municipal Courts

Justice Court Records

Available by contacting the court hearing the case. See the Justice Courts website:

http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/JusticeCourts/



Sources of Public Records

Only the official court record maintained by the custodian of records is the complete record.







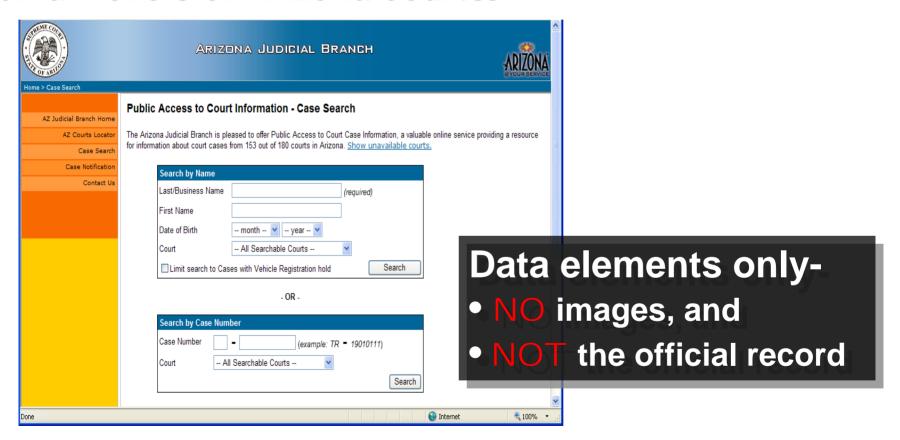






Sources of Public Records

Supreme Court Public Access to Court Information on all levels of Arizona courts.



http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/

Sources of Public Records

Maricopa County Superior Court Case Information



http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/docket/index.asp

Records available

Generally, anything not confidential or sealed is available as a public record.



Docketing Court Records

Documents are scanned and docketed in priority order.

When a filing appears on the online docket, the image of the public record is available from the Clerk's Office at any public access terminal.



Clerk's Office locations with public access terminals

http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/clerk_loc.asp









Copy price per page

50 Cents per page as of July 2010 (A.R.S. 12-284)



Other Sources of Public Records Online Minute Entries

Some Minute Entries are available online:

http://courtminutes.maricopa.gov/



Other Sources of Public Records

"Offline" Minute Entries

Some Minute Entries are prepared "offline" and are available at public access terminals but not online.











Restricted Records

- Sealed records are not public and are available by court order only.
- Access to confidential records is determined by statute, court rule and order.



Exhibits – 1 of 3

- Exhibits entered into evidence in a trial may be available at the Clerk's Office . . .
- The Court determines by order at the final resolution of a case what is kept by the Clerk and what is returned to counsel or the parties



Exhibits – 2 of 3

 A listing of the trial's exhibits is available as a public record following the final resolution of a case



 Sealed exhibits are determined by law and court order and require further court order to make available for viewing or reproduction

Exhibits – 3 of 3

- The Clerk retains records and exhibits according to the Records Retention and Disposition schedule in the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration, section 4-302
- Audio and video exhibits require a court order for the Clerk to release. The Clerk does not provide equipment to hear, view or record audio and video exhibits



FAQs - 1 of 3

Form IV

- The Probable Cause Statement, or "Form IV," is filed with the Clerk's Office as part of the prosecution's filing of a Direct Complaint or via Indictment. It is unavailable until its supporting document is filed.
- A Form IV may be available from the referring law enforcement agency by providing that agency the original report number.

FAQs - 2 of 3

Jury lists

 At the end of a trial the jury list will only be available as a public record if ordered so by the court (A.R.S. 21-312)



Transcripts

 Electronically recorded court proceedings can be requested from the Superior Court by calling 602-506-7100. For transcripts call 602-506-3204



FAQs - 3 of 3

Reading from court documents

Clerk staff will not interpret the language of court records but will assist with obtaining copies of the official court record or arranging access to view public records.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA



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